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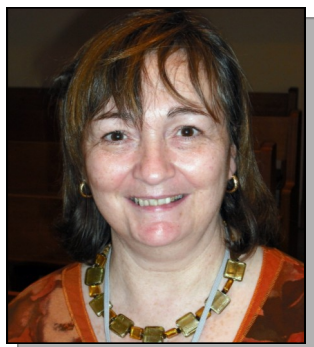
The Bridge



* Communion will be celebrated on *

* Sunday 12th June at 11am *

* **Everyone is welcome** *



From the Manse

Friends,

Along with some other churches in West Lothian Presbytery, the Kirk Session have taken the decision to partner with Dr Ruth Shakespeare who will be heading out to Malawi at the end of May to work as director

of the Mulanje Mission Hospital in the Blantyre Synod.

Graham and I had the great privilege of hosting Ruth and the hospital administrator John Munthali on their recent visit to West Lothian Presbytery. Along with Felicity Murrie and David Wilkie we had the opportunity to hear of the different ways in which we can support Ruth and the work at the hospital.

We can of course pray for them. Pray for Ruth as she settles into her new post and learns more about the hospital and its needs. Pray for John as he finishes a time of study at Queens College in Belfast and prepares to return home to his wife. Pray for the staff and patients at the hospital.

There are other ways to support this work by donating supplies, bandages, sterile latex gloves and other equipment necessary for the running of a hospital. The Raven Trust, based in Oban send out containers several times a year with equipment for mission hospitals in Malawi.

And of course we can support the work financially. Until recently there was funding for a feeding project, which has ceased to exist due to lack of funding. The hospital treats a lot of patients who have HIV/Aids, good nutrition

contributes to the effectiveness of the treatment, this is one area that Ruth would like to see up and running again.

We will hear more about this new partnership in the near future.

Three members of the congregation, Felicity, David and Graham will keep us up to date with news from Dr Ruth. Your prayers and support will be appreciated and should you want to help in any way please do not hesitate to speak to one of them.

For further information check out www.mmh.mw

May you know God's leading and blessing as you seek to live for him.

Terry

Funerals

February

Edwin (Eddie) Couston

March

Carl Cowie



April

Isabella Simpson

Ina Donaldson

Matt Turnbull

May

Margaret Rennie

Stephen Wood

Prayer Corner

During the recent spell of good weather I looked from my office window to the Almondvale Boulevard and was fascinated by the different shapes of the trees along the side of the River Almond.

These same trees only weeks before looked so bare and unattractive but with God's creating power they were now a mass of new growth with many different hues of green.

Spring time reminds me of new life and at Easter we saw Jesus rising from the dead and bringing new life all to who believe. The world was never going to be the same after the miracle of the resurrection that first Easter Day. Death had been conquered, believers could now live knowing the hope to come in eternity

But with new life, new ways can come new responsibilities as the disciples were to find out when the risen Jesus came among them in that locked room in Jerusalem. They delighted in seeing Jesus alive and but were apprehensive when Jesus commissioned them to continue the task he had started. No longer was Jesus there beside them but was there within them

As we gather around the communion table to share in the sacrament of the Lord's Supper this next communion we meet in God's sanctuary on Pentecost Sunday.

Pentecost Sunday is day we particularly remember the coming of Holy Spirit enabling and empowering the disciples to continue the task that Jesus had left them. The same disciples who weeks earlier hid away in a locked room now stood and spoke boldly of Jesus and His saving grace to the crowds gathered in Jerusalem.



Like the trees all different shapes and colours
we are all very different but God has a
purpose for each one of us in sharing the
good news to those who God loves and longs
to come home to Him.

Be open to the Holy Spirit touching you today.

God Bless



In your personal prayers please pray for:

**Our minister and office bearers that God will protect
and lead them and their families**

**For all involved in our organisation that they can find
rest over this holiday period.**

**For our Queen and her Government, especially the
new government at Holyrood that they will rule wisely
and honestly.**

**The sick, anxious, lonely, estranged and the bereaved
that they will find God's peace and love**

**Our armed forces and the relief organisations that
strive to bring peace, justice and relief to all in need.**

**For the Gala Days that they will be times of great
enjoyment for young and old alike**

The Prayer Group continues to meet each Saturday at 10.00 am
in the Session House. There is a seat for you. Please contact
myself and the minister for prayer.

David Wilkie

Congregational Prayer Secretary

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Maggie's

On Saturday April 30th Graham Taylor, Kenny Young and Ross MacPherson, took part in the Monster Bike And Hike Event to raise funds

for the Maggie's Cancer Care Centres.

This took the form of a 30 mile cycle from Fort William to Fort Augustus, followed by a 43 mile walk from Fort Augustus to Inverness, involving two climbs over 1000ft, following the Great Glen Way. All 3 had been in training, of some sort, for months beforehand and were ably supported on the day by Stuart Cunningham and Craig Smith. This was Kenny's fourth 'Maggies' and Graham and Ross' second.

Starting at 6:30am they had completed the cycle and 8 miles of walking by 1:20pm when Graham had to call it a day due to a persistent knee problem. Kenny and Ross carried on and completed the full 73 mile course just after 2:20am the following morning, 19hrs and 50mins after leaving Fort William.

Graham, Kenny and Ross would like to thank Stuart and Craig for their



support on the day, giving up breakfast to be at Fort Augustus on time. They would also like to thank everyone who sponsored them, helping them raise nearly £1800 for the charity.



Forthcoming events:

Monday 30th May

Annual Display—7pm

All Welcome

June 10th – 12th

Summer Camp (JS & CS/SS)

@ Fordell Firs near Dunfermline

July 4th – 18th 2011

Trip to FDF National Camp in Denmark

Diary Dates



27th May	Girls' Brigade Annual Display @ 7pm
29th May	Bible Society Service
30th May	Boys' Brigade Annual Display @ 7pm
4th June	Elders' Retreat 9.30 - 1pm @ Linlithgow
5th June	JAM prize giving & BBQ
12th June	Communion. 11am
Please note that there will be no evening communion	
12th June	Evening Pentecost service in Broxburn R.C. Church West Lothian Presbytery
10th July	Middleton Hall Service
31st July	Holmes Gardens Service
7th Aug	Broxburn Nursing Home service
Early morning services @ 9.30am - start 12 th June to 14 th August	
Bridge Choir - rehearsals take place every Thursday @ 7.30pm	
Prayer meeting - every Saturday morning @ 10am in the Session Room	



Soup Lunch

A soup lunch will be served after the midweek services on the following dates:

1st June	CrossReach
15th June	FOCC

THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND MINISTRIES AND MISSION CONTRIBUTIONS 2011

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Thank you for supporting the worship, mission and service of the Church through the money you give in your offering. It is important that you know what happens to this money. This letter tells you about your congregation's Ministries and Mission Contribution - the money your Congregational Treasurer sends to the Church Offices in Edinburgh. How does it enable the worship, mission and service of the Church?

The information below shows how your congregation's contribution is used to support Parish Ministries, Mission and Renewal, and general support and services provided for congregations and the councils of the General Assembly. Please note that the cost of your minister is not what he/she is paid. This cost is the total for stipend and employer's national insurance and pension contributions, and is based on a minister with ten years' service.

Congregation:	Contribution
BROXBURN	£44,292
Parish Ministries (86%)	£38,091
The cost of ministry in your parish is:	£39,600
The support you receive from other congregations towards the cost of your minister is:	£1,509
Mission and Renewal (6%)	£2,658
This supports the Church's work in resourcing congregations for Christian education and outreach, in caring for the vulnerable in society, in partnership with Churches in some of the poorest parts of the world, and in providing a Christian perspective on the issues of today.	
Support and Services for Councils and Congregations (8%)	£3,543
This provides financial, legal, safeguarding and other services, and meets the cost of the General Assembly and the Moderator.	

Please note that Ministries and Mission Contributions only provide part of the total funding required for the work of the Church listed above. A fuller picture is given in the leaflet *2011 Ministries and Mission*, which is available free to all congregations.

I hope that this helps you to understand Ministries and Mission Contributions and shows you are enabling the sharing of the gospel through the money your congregation sends *through* the Church Offices to all parts of Scotland and beyond.

Yours sincerely

Gordon D Jamieson

Head of Stewardship

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Mission Partner

At a recent Session meeting it was decided that we would have a new mission partner. It is a few years now since our last partners returned from Israel.

We, in Broxburn, are going to partner with Dr. Ruth Shakespeare who is about to take up the appointment of Medical Director at Mulanje Mission Hospital in Malawi.

Ruth has already spent a number of years in both South Africa and Zimbabwe. She studied medicine and specialised in paediatrics. She then went on to study public health and preventative medicine and disease control. She will bring a wealth of experience to her new post for which she sets off at the end of May.

Please pray for Ruth as she settles in to a new country, meets new colleagues and gets to grips with a new language called Chichewa.

We will look forward to getting to know her better through correspondence and sharing in this valuable work, and also to learn more about our Christian brothers and sisters on another continent.

Felicity Murrie



Sound Desk

We are still looking for anyone who is interested in helping with the sound desk rota. Please let Stuart know. Full training for those not familiar with the equipment will be given. Thanks

Items for inclusion in the next issue should be submitted by mid August to either Hugh Brown or Stuart Cunningham, or emailed to:

hughb92@blueyonder.co.uk or stu.c@tesco.net

Finance

It was agreed at the board meeting in January that the figures intimated to the congregation will now be the total income and expenditure for the calendar month

2011	Income	Expenditure
January	£8,753.89	£996.41
February	£5,546.28	£15,376.00
March	£5,277.42	£10,927.79
April	£5,078.35	£ 5,162.48
Total (to 30th April)	£24,655.94	£32,462.68



The Boys' and Girls' Brigade would like to thank everyone who has donated vouchers to them this year.

The final date for posting them in the box is Sunday 29th May.

The fundraising concert in aid of **Friends of Chernobyl's Children** (FOCC) on Tuesday 10th May raised £720.

Thank you to all who attended

Who's Who



Minister

Rev. Terry Taylor BA, M.Th	The Manse, 2 Church Street	852825
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Session Clerk

Mr. John Macaulay	137 East Main Street	852947
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Congregational Board

Chair: Mrs. Norma Short	28 Newhouses Road	857540
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Clerk: Mrs. Anne Gunn	3 Kirkhill Court	856984
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Treasurer

Mrs. Marjorie MacRae	22 Parkwood Crescent	854702
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Gift Aid Convener

Miss Jean Weir	135 Houston Gardens	855626
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Roll Keeper

Mr. Brian Short	28 Newhouses Road	857540
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Prayer Secretary

Mr. David Wilkie	53 Goschen Place	854777
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Pastoral Care Group co-ordinator

Mr. Nat Beggs	6 Grange Road	852170
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Organist

Mr. James Lawrie	13 Queens Avenue	856609
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Church Officer

Mr. John Macaulay	137 East Main Street	852947
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Hall Convener

Mrs. Jeanette Ewington	93 Fergusson Road	857194
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Property Convener

Mr. Robert Pattison	12 Houston Gardens	855505
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Communications co-ordinator

Mr. Hugh Brown	92 Gyle Park Gardens Corstorphine	0131 334 1384
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Safeguarding co-ordinator

Mrs. Elaine Brown	92 Gyle Park Gardens Corstorphine	0131 334 1384
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Social & Fundraising Convener

Mrs. Lillian Pattison	12 Houston Gardens	855505
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